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## Mother on Way To Visit Son in Red China Prison

HONG KING (AP) — Mrs.

Mary Downey of New Britain, Conn., arrived in Hong King today on her way to Peking for her fourth visit to her son John in a Chinese Communist prison.

Mrs. Downey was accompanied by another son, William. She said she had permission to spend two weeks in Red China and planned to cross the border Thursday.

John Downey, a civilian employe of the U.S. Army, was aboard a plane the Chinese Reds shot down in November, 1952. The Communists charged he was dropping supplies to anti-Communist agents in China. The United States said he was a passenger on a flight from Korea to Japan. He was sentenced to life in prison on espionage charges.

Mrs. Downey declined to comment on prospects for her son's release. Asked whether she would renew previous pleas to the Peking government, William Downey said, "We will see."

Mrs. Downey last visited her son in Peking in May, 1962. In 1960, Chinese Red Cross officials had told her that John eventually might be released for good behavior.

Mrs. Downey, tired and nervous after her flight, told newsmen the family received letters once a month from John.

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